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MAJOR BELA PECK LEARNED.

The death of Major Bela Peck Learned calls to mind an incident which at this time is worth relating because it will show a side of his life which he modestly kept hidden from view. The older readers of The Bulletin have not forgotten the perplexing troubles which The Bulletin suffered when it passed from the old style to a machine-set, stereotyped, up-todate plant-trials which grew out of prejudice and opposition of which the ublic knew nothing excepting the disheartening results. It was a siege of which no history will be written, a storm which excited impatience rather than sympathy from the public; but with keen perception and a sympathizing spirit Major Learned seemed to comprehend fully our trying situation and from him came the only letter with a kind word and a word of cheer. The letter has been mislaid, but the fine sentiment of it has not been forgotten, for as an act of kindliness most graciously done it left a lasting impression,

We cannot tell why Major Learned was the last man from whom The Bulletin expected to receive such sympathy and words of cheer any more than we can tell why of all the thousands the paper reached daily he was the only one whose heart-warmth and Godspeed reached us; but we have since thought that It is more than likely that a thousand times on a as warmly and sincerely have spoken good words to others who were facing severe trials of which they could say nothing, but which his keen perception fathomed and his warm sympathy had moved him to write or to

His kindliness is held in precious memory by The Bulletin, and, doubtless, is so held also by many others, have learned from him how good heart helps in time of ill-for-

# CUSTOMS DOUBLED.

The heavy demand being made for Canadian hay leaves no doubt that there is a short crop in New England. Reports show that the collection for the customs district of Vermont for February amounted to \$89,154.48, as compared with \$44,408.86 for the corresponding month of the previous This large gain is accounted for by the large importations of hay, Although the duty is \$4 a ton, there seems to be a scarcity of the product in New England and the Canadian hay is in great demand. The domestic experts amounted to \$530,727, as compared with \$392,063 of the corresponding month of last year. The for-February, 1909, they were \$108,-

The new tariff is working well as a revenue increaser along the border, all right. The Rutland News is of the opinion that there is a hint in these transactions to the Vermont farmer to get busy and increase his hay crop as a sure means of increasing his wealth.

STRICT OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY Mayor Fisher of Middletown stands for a strict observance of Sunday and has created a new commotion by closout of sight on the Lord's day every-thing that wears the tag of secular business. No doubt he is pleasing a large portion of the citizens, if displeasing those who profit by and those who favor the open shop as being as necessary as the open church, but those who do not believe in a tight Sunday lid are making the most noise and leave no domes in the minds of outsiders that a regular political storm is vasing there. It is claimed that during Mayor Fisher's second cam-saign he permitted the impression to get abread that he would take a more liberal view of Sunday matters if elected to office; this drew to his support many who had opposed him be-fore and they are very much dissatiswith his present action and the

outlook. The agitation excited in Middletown indicates that it will result in another attempt next winter to get the old law governing the Sabbath so amended that it will be impossible to have any more Sundays of the Puritanical type. Whether it will succeed or not dapends upon the religious temper of the people.

Well, hardly comparable with a mansion in the sides, but as good an outside ann as promises to turn some of our egicom promoters and skeptics inside cout. St. Albans (Vt.) MessenCHAUFFEUR DEFINED.

What a chauffer is has been defined in Pennsylvania by Judge Staake of in Pennsylvania by Judge Staake of Philadelphia, who on Saturday last handed down a decision in the case brought to test the validity of the decision of the attorney general's de-partment requiring all operators of automobiles to take out a license, Judge Staake holds that a chauffeur is a paid operator of a motor car, and his decision makes it legal for any private individual to drive a motor car without a license.

Judge Staake holds that if it had been intended that all operators of cars should take out licenses the intention would have been clearly expressed in the wording of the act of 1905. That such explicit language was not employed, and because the act reads "chauffeur, or any other paid employe," it is clear in his mine that his interpretation of the law is the

correct one. The Pittsburg Post, in noticing the matter, says: "This decision will be welcomed by motorists as proper and fair. Under the law every car must be licensed, and to require that each operator of a car must also be licensed and wear a badge would have worked a hardship in many cases. It would seem no more equitable to require all drivers of cars to take out a license than it would be to require all drivers of horse-drawn vehicles to pay for the privilege of driving them. The li-censing of the automobile and of all paid drivers, or chauffeurs, would certainly seem to cover the ground and protect all interests."

EXHAUSTING PENCIL WOODS.

The fact that the red cedar from which lead pencils are made is likely to be exhausted by 1915 as the re sult of an annual output of 325,000,000. is prompting a search for new soft fine-fibred and knotless wood as a substitute. The national forestry service is co-operating with the manufacturers to discover a fit wood for the purpose and among those submitted from the national forests to be tried are Rocky mountain red cedar, alligator juniper, western juniper, redwood, incense cedar, western cedar, Port Oxford cedar, and Alaska cypress. Wood specimens collected from the national forests will be sent to four leading manufacturers, who have agreed to make pencils of them. The manufacturers will keep a record of the tests and report to the forest service the results, as well as their judgment as to the fitness of the individ-

The forest service is assisting in this experiment because there are on the national forests large quantities of junipers and cedars which may be suitable for pencil manufacture. For several of these woods no very valuable use has yet been discovered. Foresters believe that in the future the woods from the national forests may

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years in the cabinet. No successor is likely to reach this ill-omened num-

Frank Gould cherishes a contempt for the American press and it is not at all surprising that he is in that class.

With three years ahead of him. has time enough to show even the Missourians that he is true blue.

They say at the south that "an insane asylum is a provision of society for getting objectionable geniuses out of the way."

The Boston Record thinks that a man may understand chicken talk and still be unable to explain the high price of eggs.

"St. Albans is developing materiallzing powers. She feels certain that she can put in evidence a heavenly hotel."-Norwich Bulletin.

If Tom Hisgen is right, John D. Rockefeller is trying to turn out a foundation octopus that later on will be able to defy the government. J. P. Morgan is said to own the

finest collection of watches in the world. He seems bent upon monopolizing time as well as everything else.

The victory the democrats are claiming will take place in November is the same old victory. They cannot with confidence expect anything else.

Attention is called to the fact that Speaker Cannon stood for increased duties on oil and gloves, and Taft did not, and the duties were not increas-

A Presbyterian minister of Texas is quoted as having said "that the fires of hell are a mere figure of speech." Think of the heated debates it has

Think of an angry Chinaman's ris-ing to call the Dala Lama of Thibet "an ungrateful, irreligious, obstrep-erous profligate!" High old talk for a

The Bridgeport Standard signalizes the opening of the first automobile show in that city with a 28-page eli-The Standard is always doing

A Spartansburg, S. C. violator of the liquor law was fined in the aggregate \$16,000, or fourteen years in the chain gang. The horns of his dilemma beat those of a Texas bull.

Over 40,000 voters of Missouri have petitioned to have a prohibition claus put in the constitution of that state majority of the million and a half of voters favor it, it will be done.

Rostand and Gross.

While Playwright Goss of Chicago falls to obtain in this country serious consideration for his claim that the ideas and much of the language, both in "Gyrano de Bergerac" and in "Chanticleer" were stolen from him by Edmond Rostand, he has undoubtedly succeeded in giving the Frenchman more than one bad quarter of an hour. If the question were only of ideas, there would be no ground for the Chicagoan to stand on. The greatest literary geniuses that the world has known have borrowed ideas wherever their found tham. Shakespeare was an investorate borrower. Motore let no eccupies of conscience ecousie him in Restand and Gross.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

## HER CAPRICE

He watched her and there was a world of surprise and pain in his glance as with elaborate care she arranged the pillows and prepared to enter the canoe. Overhead lowering clouds threatened an imminent down-pour, while the river, lashed by a stiff breeze which had suddenly come from the east, looked too turbulent for even much stouter craft than the dainty

"Euprosyne."

A sudden clap of thunder startled the girl, but her resolution taken to go in spite of his refusal to accompany her, she gave no sign, and with apparent calmness finished her preparations and stepped lightly into the

Then she raised her head and her glance met his scornfully. "You are still afraid to come?" she asked with

There was a touch of contempt in the man's voice as he answered her and she noted it with secret dismay. In none of their previous quarrels had he spoken so to her, and in alarm she wondered if she had made him cease to love her.

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"Your question would be an insult, Esther, were it not in line with this childlish determination of yours to go out upon the river when it must be patent to you that a wetting is all that can result from it, if indeed you escape being capsized. I will not admit that I am 'afraid' to go exactly," he added slowly, 'but I have too much respect for a rather bad cold I contracted last night at the garden party to desire to humor you, much as under different circumstances I should like to do so. I think—really, Esther, you must not untie that rope!" The sarcasm had left his voice and the girl felt a little quiver of delight as she noted the solicitude which had taken its place. Still, her obstinacy unconquered, she continued her efforts to untie the rope which fastened the cance to the landing. Her fingers trembled so that this was no easy task, but at last she succeeded in accomplishing it.

Another moment and the tide, stronger even than the man had supposed it to be, claimed the 'Euprhosyne' and she darted, a slim streak of cream and gold, down the stream. So suddenly had it happened that Esther, who had never before been on the river save when its surface was as smooth as glass, lost her balance and fell into the water. She did not know how to swim, did not even have presence of mind enough to retain her hold upon

the water. She did not know how to swim, did not even have presence of mind enough to retain her hold upon the end of the rope, and before the man realized what had occurred she had completely disappeared. In a mo-ment, however, he was in after her; understanding the strength of the tide, he struck out for a point further down the stream, where he figured she would reappear.

He had estimated correctly, al-

though it seemed an eternity to him before the golden head became visible, and before a pair of brown eyes, all humility now, looked into his, scarce then.—Boston Post.

an arm's length away. He clasped her to him, and with the vigor of a trained athlete swam to shore with her. Once there he did not stop, but continued to carry her until they reached her home, which fortunately was but a minute's walk from the landing. She tried several times to speak to him, but there was something in his eyes which prohibited her doing so—something intangible, but which she nevertheless felt acutely.

With but a few words of explanation he handed her over to her mother, and Esther noted with increased contrition that his voice had grown very hoarse. Then she found courage to speak to him, and both she and her mother pleaded with him to stay and be supplied with some dry clothing, but he remained proof against their entreaties and as soon as he could courteously do so, left them.

For a week Esther lay sick, both in mind and body. Hundreds of times she lived over that afternoon, and while she did not grow delirious, her mother, often walking softly into the room in order not to disturb her, would find her with eyes closed talking softly as though to someone whom she imagined near her. Her doctor, one for whom her mother had sent to the city, at once pronounced her mental filiness to be the more serious of the two. However, since he had not the power to mitigate it, he was obliged to content himself with administering the usual remedies for a bad coid, and with enjoining his patient not to leave her bed until he said she might do so with safety.

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Safety.

One afternoon the doctor arrived rather later than usual. Esther's mother met him in the hall, and as was her custom, invited bim to take tea with her before he went up to see his patient.

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"I scarcely feel like taking any, thank you," he said, his usually folly face wearing a very sad expression. "I had another patient in Oldport. I did not tell you, did I? A young man, His illness, so he teld me, was the result of having stayed too long in the water while bathing. Bad practice, that. He contracted pneumonia. I tried hard to keep him here, but he had to so. He was an uncommonly nice chap, Lothrop, Perhaps you knew him? He was boarding not far from here. I knew him in town."

He moved toward the starcase and did not see the dazed expression in his listener's eyes. Understanding by her silence that she did not know Mr. Lothrop, he said, in his professional manner: "We should be glad that our Miss Esther is more fortunate. I shall tell her about it and it will be a lesson for her and the other young folks around here who are given to staying in the water longer than is good for them."

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

He who keeps his own troubles under cover is capable of being a true

How to supplement the diminishing stock of eastern woods, the supply of which has received no protection.

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course. Hence the respect which is paid to the science of ethics. Hence also the unfortunate circumstance that individuals fighting for ethics as they respectively understand ethics, some-

From the broad standpoint of morality medical ethics and newspaper ethics should be identical. They would be if the science and ethics were on a plane of certainty as substantial as that ocof certainty as substantial as that oc-cupled by the science of mathematics. Few sciences have progressed so far. While astronomers are fighting over the so-called canais of Mars and are at outs on the subject of the nebular hy-pothesis, and while chemists are con-tending as to whether or not what is known as radium warrants abandon-ment of the notion of irreducible ele-ments and a return to the belief of the alchemists that base metals might be transmuted into gold, it is not wonder-ful that differences should arise on the subject of ethics.—Milwaukee Wiscin-

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this regard, and scores of other shining examples may be cited.

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Medical and Newspaper Ethics.

Ethics is the sicence of morality in so far as morality can be reduced to the basis of a science. In practice morality includes a fine efflorescence of sentiment and emotion which approximates it to religion. There are deeps in morality and religion which the plummet of science cannot sound and heights which science trannot scale. Science is formal. Morality, like religions, is superior to formality, and often exists where formalities are ismored. Yet human society, which depends upon morality and religion for its existence, leans upon formalities, and it justified by experience in taking this course. Hence the respect which is paid to the science of ethics. Hence also the unfortunate circumstance that

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Taft and Hughes.

"I wonder what the attraction is between President Taft and Governor Hughes? The president is to be the suest of the governor during the two days he will be in Albany, next week. So far as I know, Governor Hughes has mighty few intimate friends among the politicians."

The foregoing observation was made

has mighty few intimate friends among the politicians."

The foregoing observation was made today by a New York republican in discussing the approaching visit of the president. New Yorkers in Washington have commented a number of times on the fact that the president seemed to be about the only man in public life with whom Governor Hughes has shown a desire to cultivate intimate relations. The interest is mutual.

President Taft has a very high regard for Governor Hughes. The friendship began during the last presidential campaign. Mr. Taft was profoundly impressed by the quality of the speeches Governor Hughes was making for the presidential nominee, After the campaign was over Mr. Taft told his friends that the most effective speeches delivered during the fight had been those of Governor Hughes. Afterward the two men met on a number of occasions and were drawn closely together. During the conference of the governors in Washington recently the president was especially cordial to the executive from New York.

The minds of the president and Governor Hughes run in much the same channel. As administrative offi-

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should be sharply separated from that of the legislative. Both are disinclined to resort to Roosevelt methods of directing public opinion. In addition, both of these men were dragooned from the pursuit of the law to run for public office.—Washington Letter in the Brooklyn Eagle.

China Showing Her Teeth.

China Showing Her Teeth.

The military awakening in China is already having its effect in a stiffening of the Chinese national vertebrae. China has in the railroad matter a disposition to defy both Japan and Russia and Russian diplomats are expressing more concern for future possibilities of war with China than with Japan. One of the latest and most significant indications of this awakening is the recent invasion of Tibet by a fully equipped modern army of 25,000 men, sent by the Chinese government to assert the absolute sovereignty of China over the land ruled by the Lamas. The army has taken possession of Linassa, and the Dalai Lama has fled to India for refuge and has been given an official residence by the British, where he is being treated with great outward respect as the head of the Buddhist religion.

Only a few years ago had China made such a move, following such an expedition as the British sent into Tibet, she would have been quickly called to account, but times have changed. The day for jumping upon China for every little thing has passed. In time China will do a little jumping herself, if civilized nations do not busy themselves to see that she awakes without dreams of conquest stimulated by religious hostility.—St. Louis Star.

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